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1. DESPITE OFFER WHICH LONG HAS ALREADY EXTENDED TO MATHUR, MISSION IS REQUESTED TO DISCUSS WITH DIRECTOR GENERAL LONG U.S. POSITION AS OUTLINED REFTel B. WE REGRET DELAY IN ANSWERING MISSION'S REFTel C, BUT WE ARE DISTRESSED THAT U.S. WAS NOT CONSULTED ON THIS MATTER, WHICH IS OF CONSIDERABLE IMPORTANCE TO FUTURE OF GATT, UNTIL JUST A FEW DAYS BEFORE DECISION WAS MADE.

2. IN ADDITION TO OUR CONVICTION THAT FIVE-YEAR APPOINTMENT OF MATHUR IN PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES IS NOT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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GOOD ADMINISTRATIVE PRACTICE AND THAT SUCH AN

APPOINTMENT MIGHT JEOPARDIZE A SMOOTH TRANSITION OF NEW
GATT DIRECTORSHIP, WE REGRET THAT LONG APPARENTLY DID NOT
EXPLORE OPTION OF EXTENSION BY THE INDIAN CIVIL SERVICE
OF MATHUR'S SECONDMENT TO GATT. MISSION IS REQUESTED
TO CONSULT WITH INDIAN DELEGATION IN GENEVA TO ASK IF
INDIA WOULD BE WILLING TO EXTEND MATHUR'S SECONDMENT
THROUGH THE END OF MTN IN VIEW OF POSITIVE ROLE WHICH

MATHUR IS PLAYING IN CONDUCT OF NEGOTIATIONS. WE WOULD
APPRECIATE IF INDIAN DELEGATION COULD TAKE A HAND IN THIS
MATTER, IN ORDER TO AVOID POTENTIALLY DIFFICULT SITUATION.
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